



Director's Rule 8-2003

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Subject: Use of Mechanical Parking Lifts to Provide Required Off-Street Parking	Code and Section Reference: SMC 23.54.020, .030 (Land Use Code)	
	Type of Rule: Code Interpretation	
	Ordinance Authority: SMC 3.06.040	
Index: Land Use Code / Technical Requirements	Approved (signature on file) Diane M. Sugimura, Director, DCLU	Date 9/26/03

Background: SMC 23.54.020.B requires a minimum of one (1) parking space per multi-family unit. It explains that a tandem parking space equals one and one-half (1-1/2) parking spaces, but does not explain how to count parking spaces provided by a mechanical parking lift. The purpose of this rule is to provide interpretation of how spaces within a mechanical parking lift are counted.

Rule: If one has to operate vehicle "A" to gain access to vehicle "B," the two spaces within a mechanical parking lift will be considered a tandem parking space and count as one and one-half (1-1/2) parking spaces per SMC 23.54.020.B of the Land Use Code. Minimum size requirements of SMC 23.54.030.A shall not apply for this type of tandem space. If one does not have to operate vehicle "A" to gain access to vehicle "B" (or vehicle "C," and so on for mechanical parking lifts that can hold more than two vehicles), each parking space provided by a mechanical parking lift will equal one (1) parking space and SMC 23.54.030.C.1 does not apply.

Tandem space examples (1.5 parking spaces):	Two full spaces examples:
	